

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A massaging apparatus in which a position of a specific portion such as a user's shoulder with respect to the massaging apparatus can be determined automatically and accurately in a simple construction. The massaging apparatus includes a supporting arm having a therapeutic member pivotally supported thereon and freely movable along the user's body. The position of the specific portion of the user with respect to the massaging apparatus is determined from the relation between the vertical position of the supporting arm and the pivotal position of the supporting arm. A pivotal movement detecting system detects that the supporting arm reaches a prescribed range of pivotal movement is provided. The position of the specific portion of the user with respect to the massaging apparatus is determined from the position of the supporting arm at the moment when the pivotal movement of the supporting arm reaches the prescribed range.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present preliminary amendment is submitted to place the above-identified application in more proper format under United States practice. By the present preliminary amendment original Claims 1-38 have been cancelled and new Claims 39-93 are presented for examination. New Claims 39-93 are believed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, including original Claims 1-38, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter. Any differences between new Claims 39-93 and original Claims 1-38 are only